

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 656
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Elise Jessica Cantrell,
2006 Valedictorian of DeKalb County High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Elise Jessica Cantrell is one such exceptional student who was recently named valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at DeKalb County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Elise Cantrell has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Elise Cantrell has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Ms. Cantrell has received the English 9 Award, the Art Award, the Science Award, the Spanish I Award, the Biology I Award, the USAA National Award for Art, the USAA National Mathematics Award, the Biology II Award, and the Geometry Award; and

WHEREAS, Elise Cantrell was recognized on the National Honor Roll for Achievement and Merit and in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and she was also named an All-American Scholar, the Most Outstanding Freshman Girl, the Most Outstanding Sophomore Girl, the Most Outstanding Junior Girl, and a Top 20 Outstanding Senior; and

WHEREAS, possessing tremendous artistic and creative abilities, Elise Cantrell had an art display with the Poet Laureate of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her academic achievements, Ms. Cantrell has been a member of numerous school organizations, including FCCLA, Future Business Leaders of America, Spanish Club, Science Club, and National Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, committed to service, Elise Cantrell volunteered on the DeKalb Schools Banner Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cantrell's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success, and in the Fall, she will attend Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, Elise Cantrell's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Charles Wayne and Harriett Cantrell, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cantrell's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2006 DeKalb County High School Valedictorian, Elise Jessica Cantrell, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.